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[] (2) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance and is accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(p).

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[] (6) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), Applicant(s) hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner to consider the attached Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant(s) state that the issue fee has not been paid and that a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is provided herein, along with the petition fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i). The undersigned hereby states that no item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a

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